

# PetiteKnit

## NOVICE SLIPOVER



**Sizes:** XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) **2XL** (3XL) 4XL (5XL)

**Measurements:** Bust circumference: 95 (100) 105 (109) 114 (120) 131 (140) 151 (160) cm [37½ (39¼) 41¼ (43) 45 (47¼) 5½ (55) 59½ (63) inches]

Length: 49 (53) 55 (57) 58 (60) 62 (64) 66 (68) cm [19¼ (20¾) 21¾ (22½) 22¾ (23½) 24½ (25¼) 26 (26¾) inches] measured mid back incl. neck rib edge

**Gauge:** 17 stitches x 25 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on a 5 mm [US8] needle after wash and blocking

**Needles:** Circular needles: 5 mm [US8] / 60, 80 or 100 cm [24, 32 or 40 inches], 4.5 mm [US7] / 40 and 80 cm [16 and 32 inches] and 4 mm [US6] / 40 cm [16 inches]

**Materials:** **Suggestion 1:** 200 (300) 300 (300) 300 (400) 400 (400) 400 (400) g Pelsuld 5,5/2 by Hjelholt Uldspinderi (100 g = 275 m [301 yds]) **or** 300 (300) 350 (350) 350 (400) 400 (450) 500 (500) g Double Sunday by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 108 m [118 yds]) **held together with** 75 (75) 100 (100) 100 (100) 125 (125) 125 (125) g Soft Silk Mohair by Knitting for Olive (25 g = 225 m [246 yds]) **or** Tynn Silk Mohair by Sandnes Garn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]) **or** Silk Mohair by Isager Yarn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds])

**Suggestion 2:** 300 (400) 400 (400) 400 (500) 500 (500) 500-600 (600) g Vidde by Hillesvåg Ullvarefarbrikk (100 g = 200 m [219 yds])

## PATTERN

The Novice Slipover is worked from the top down in stockinette stitch. First the back yoke is worked, and then stitches are picked up and knitted along the cast-on edge of the back yoke for the shoulders, which are worked and then joined together to form the front yoke.

The back and front yoke are joined at the underarm to form the body, which is worked in the round on a circular needle. Rib edges are worked along the armholes and the neck edge at the end. There are help videos of all the steps in the pattern at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com).

### Size guide

The Novice Slipover is designed to have approx. 15 cm [6 inches] of positive ease. The sizes XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL) are designed to fit a bust circumference of 75-80 (80-85) 85-90 (90-95) 95-100 (100-110) **110-120** (**120-130**) 130-140 (140-150) cm [31½-33½ (33½-35½) 35½-37½ (37½-39½) 39½-43¼ (43¼-47¼) 47¼-51¼ (51¼-55) 55-59 inches]. The measurements for the finished garment are given on the first page of the pattern. Before beginning your project, measure yourself to determine which size will fit you best. For example, if you measure 90 cm [35½ inches] around your bust (or around the widest part of your upper body) you should knit a size S. A size S slipover has a bust circumference of 105 cm [41¼ inches], which in the given example would give you 15 cm [6 inches] of positive ease.

### About gauge

The Novice Slipover is worked in a gauge of 17 stitches per 10 cm [4 inches] in stockinette stitch. This means that you need to have 17 stitches on 10 cm [4 inches] of knitting. If you have more than 17 stitches on 10 cm [4 inches], your slipover will turn out smaller than the measurements given in this pattern. If you have fewer than 17 stitches on 10 cm [4 inches], your slipover will turn out bigger. This is the why it is such a good idea to knit a swatch to begin with (make a swatch by casting on approx. 25 stitches and working approx. 12 cm [4¾ inches] in stockinette stitch). If you have more than 17 stitches on 10 cm [4 inches], try going **up** a needle size. If you have fewer than 17 stitches on 10 cm [4 inches], try going **down** a needle size.

### About increases

Making an increase means creating a new stitch. Increases are worked so they either slant right (Make 1 Right) or slant left (Make 1 Left) as follows (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

**Make 1 Right:** Insert left needle under the strand that runs between the stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.

**Make 1 Left:** Insert left needle under the strand that runs between the stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop.

### Back yoke

The back yoke is worked back and forth on a 5 mm [US8] circular needle.

Cast on 57 (59) 61 (63) 65 (65) **67** (68) 70 (70) stitches on a 5 mm [US8] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle with your preferred method.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch as follows:

Row 1 (wrong side): Purl across.

Row 2 (right side): Knit across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 until the back yoke measures 19 (19) 19 (19) 19 (19) **17** (17) 16 (14) cm [ $7\frac{1}{2}$  ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ )  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ )  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ )  $6\frac{3}{4}$  ( $6\frac{3}{4}$ )  $6\frac{1}{4}$  ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches] from the cast-on edge.

Purl across 1 row, so the next row is a right side row.

Now increases for the armholes are worked on right side rows at both ends of the row (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

Row 1 (right side): Knit 3 stitches, **Make 1 Left**, knit until there are 3 stitches left on the needle, **Make 1 Right**, knit 3 stitches (2 increases have been worked)

Row 2 (wrong side): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 9 (10) 11 (12) 12 (14) **17** (18) 21 (24) times. There are now a total of 75 (79) 83 (87) 89 (93) 101 (104) 112 (118) stitches on the needles.

The back yoke now measures approx. 26 (27) 28 (29) 29 (30) 31 (31) 33 (33) cm [ $10\frac{1}{4}$  ( $10\frac{3}{4}$ ) 11 ( $11\frac{1}{2}$ )  $11\frac{1}{2}$  ( $11\frac{3}{4}$ )  $12\frac{1}{4}$  ( $12\frac{1}{4}$ ) 13 (13) inches] measured from the cast-on edge.

Break the yarn and let the stitches rest on a stitch holder, an extra circular needle or a length of leftover yarn, while the shoulders and front yoke are being worked (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)).

### Left shoulder

With right side facing, pick up and knit 14 (15) 16 (16) 17 (17) 17 (18) 18 (18) stitches with a 5 mm [US8] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle along the left-most side of the back yoke cast-on edge (the direction for picking up and knitting stitches is from the neck towards the left armhole, right to left) (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)).

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch as follows:

Row 1 (wrong side): Purl across.

Row 2 (right side): Knit across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 5 (6) 6 (6) 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) times (meaning a total of 10 (12) 12 (12) 14 (14) 14 (14) 14 (14) rows have been worked).

Purl across 1 row, so the next row is a right side row.

Continue working back and forth in stockinette stitch, while working increases on right side rows to form the neck edge. Work as follows (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

Row 1 (right side): Knit 3 stitches, **Make 1 Left**, knit to end of row (1 increase has been worked)

Row 2 (wrong side): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) times. There are now a total of 20 (21) 22 (23) 24 (24) 24 (25) 26 (26) stitches on the needles.

Break the yarn and let the stitches rest on a stitch holder, an extra circular needle or a length of leftover yarn, while the right shoulder is being worked.

### **Right shoulder**

With right side facing, pick up and knit 14 (15) 16 (16) 17 (17) 17 (18) 18 (18) stitches with a 5 mm [US8] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle along the right-most side of the back yoke cast-on edge (the direction for picking up and knitting stitches is from the right armhole and in towards the neck, right to left) (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)).

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch as follows:

Row 1 (wrong side): Purl across.

Row 2 (right side): Knit across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 5 (6) 6 (6) 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) times (meaning a total of 10 (12) 12 (12) 14 (14) 14 (14) 14 (14) rows have been worked).

Purl across 1 row, so the next row is a right side row.

Continue working back and forth in stockinette stitch, while working increases on right side rows to form the neck edge. Work as follows (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

Row 1 (right side): Knit until there are 3 stitches left on the needle, **Make 1 Right**, knit 3 stitches.  
(1 increase has been worked)

Row 2 (wrong side): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) times. There are now a total of 20 (21) 22 (23) 24 (24) 24 (25) 26 (26) stitches on the needles.

Do not break the yarn as the next step follows from here.

## Front yoke

Now join the right and left shoulders to form the front yoke. Between the right and left shoulder, new stitches are cast on using the backward loop method to form the bottom of the neckline.

Work as follows (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

Knit across the 20 (21) 22 (23) 24 (24) 24 (25) 26 (26) stitches for the right shoulder, cast on 17 (17) 17 (17) 17 (17) **19** (18) 18 (18) stitches in extension of these stitches using the backward loop method, knit across the 20 (21) 22 (23) 24 (24) 24 (25) 26 (26) resting stitches for the left shoulder.

There are now a total of 57 (59) 61 (63) 65 (65) 67 (68) 70 (70) stitches on the needles.

Purl across 1 row, so the next row is a right side row.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch as follows:

Row 1 (right side): Knit across.

Row 2 (wrong side): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 until the work measures 19 (19) 19 (19) 19 (19) 17 (17) 16 (14) cm [ $7\frac{1}{2}$  ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ )  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ )  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ )  $6\frac{3}{4}$  ( $6\frac{3}{4}$ )  $6\frac{1}{4}$  ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches] measured from the cast-on edge at the top of the back yoke.

The next row is a right side row.

Now work increases for the armholes on right side rows at both ends of the row as follows (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

Row 1 (right side): Knit 3 stitches, **Make 1 Left**, knit until there are 3 stitches left on the needle, **Make 1 Right**, knit 3 stitches (2 increases have been worked)

Row 2 (wrong side): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 9 (10) 11 (12) 12 (14) 17 (18) 21 (24) times. There are now a total of 75 (79) 83 (87) 89 (93) 101 (104) 112 (118) stitches on the needle.

The front yoke now measures approx. 26 (27) 28 (29) 29 (30) 31 (31) 33 (33) cm [ $10\frac{1}{4}$  ( $10\frac{3}{4}$ ) 11 ( $11\frac{1}{2}$ )  $11\frac{1}{2}$  ( $11\frac{3}{4}$ )  $12\frac{1}{4}$  ( $12\frac{1}{4}$ ) 13 (13) inches] measured from the cast-on edge at the top of the back yoke.

Do not break the yarn as the next step follows from here.

## Body

Now join the back and front on a 5 mm [US8] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] circular needle to form the body. Work as follows (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

Knit across the front stitches, cast on 6 (6) 6 (6) 8 (9) 10 (15) 16 (18) stitches in extension of these stitches using the backward loop method, knit the resting back stitches onto the same circular needle, cast on 6 (6) 6 (6) 8 (9) 10 (15) 16 (18) stitches in extension of these stitches using the backward loop method, join the work in the round, so the body is worked in the round on the circular needle. There are now a total of 162 (170) 178 (186) 194 (204) 222 (238) 256 (272) stitches on the needles.

Place a marker at the right underarm, after the first 3 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4) 5 (7) 8 (9) stitches cast on using the backward loop method. This is now the beginning of the round.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch (meaning knit all rounds) until the work measures 42 (46) 48 (50) 51 (53) 55 (57) 59 (61) cm [16½ (18) 19 (19¾) 20 (20¾) 21¾ (22½) 23¼ (24) inches] measured from the cast-on edge at the top of the back yoke, or desired length.

Change to a 4.5 mm [US7] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle and work 5 cm [2 inches] in the round in 1 x1 rib (knit 1 stitch, purl 1 stitch).

Bind off all of the stitches (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)). If you are feeling brave, you can bind off using the Italian bind off technique, which creates a very nice bind-off edge.

### **Neck rib edge**

The rib edge at the neck is worked from stitches that are picked-up and knitted along the neck opening. The rib edge is then folded double and either knitted or sewn down on the WS at the end.

Pick up and knit 90 (92) 92 (94) 98 (98) 102 (102) 102 (102) stitches with a 4 mm [US6] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle along the neck opening. This is the approx. equivalent to picking up and knitting 1 stitch in every stitch along the back of the neck, the front of the neck and along the slanted sides, and 2 stitches for every 3 rows along the straight sides of the neck (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)).

Work as follows:

Round 1-6: Work rib (knit 1 stitch, purl 1 stitch).

Round 7-9: \* Knit 1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front \*, repeat from \* to \* to end of round.

Round 10-13: Work rib (knit 1 stitch, purl 1 stitch).

Now the rib edge is knitted down by knitting every stitch of the next round together with a stitch from the round where stitches were picked up and knitted, while at the same time binding off. Work as follows (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)):

\* Pick up a stitch from the round where stitches were picked-up and knitted and place it on the left needle. Knit the picked up stitch together with the first stitch on the left needle. Pass the second stitch on the right needle over the stitch that was just knitted (i.e. bind off the stitch). Knit 1 stitch. Pass the second stitch on the right needle over the stitch that was just knitted (i.e. bind off the stitch). \*

Repeat from \* to \* to the end of the round.

*Take care that the neck edge doesn't become twisted – make sure to always pick up the stitch on the cast-on edge that is exactly on the same “column” below the stitch on the needle that is going to be knit together with, keep checking along the way that each stitch is knitted together with the stitch directly below it at the cast-on edge.*

If you do not feel brave enough to knit together the neck edge while binding it off, you can also choose to bind the stitches off loosely and then sew down the bind-off edge on the WS along the beginning of the ribbing, where stitches were picked-up.

### **Armhole rib edges**

The rib edges for the armholes are worked from stitches that are picked-up and knitted along the armholes.

Pick up and knit 7pprox.. 102 (106) 110 (114) 116 (122) 126 (132) 140 (140) stitches with a 4.5 mm [US7] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle along the armhole edge. This is the 7pprox.. equivalent to picking 3 stitches for every 4 rows along the edge all the way around and picking up 1 stitch in every backward loop stitch along the underarm. Begin at the center of the cast-on stitches at the underarm.

Work 6 rounds in 1 x 1 rib (knit 1 stitch, purl 1 stitch).

Bind off the stitches slightly tightly. If you are feeling brave, you can bind off using the Italian bind off technique, which creates a very nice bind-off edge.

### **Finishing**

Weave in all ends.





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